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GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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(B) CANBERRA A24 , FEB 12, 1974 (NOTAL)

1. GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA RECOGNIZED PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF CHINA IN JANUARY , 1973 , AND ROC EMBASSY AND CONSULATES
IN AUSTRALIA CLOSED AT THAT TIME. HENCE, THERE IS NO
ROC CONSULATE IN SYDNEY OR ELSEWHERE IN AUSTRALIA THROUGH
WHICH CONTACT COULD BE MADE WITH PAPUA NEW GUINEA GOVERN-
MENT (REF A). THERE IS AN INFORMAL NETWORK OF PRIVATE
BODIES WITHIN AUSTRALIA (REF B) WHICH IS SLOWLY RE-ESTABLISHING
RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

2. PAPUA NEW GUINEA IS NOT RPT NOT NOW INDEPENDENT OF
AUSTRALIA, THOUGH IT PROBABLY WILL BECOME SO AT SOME TIME
IN 1974, DATE NOT YET DETERMINED. WE BELIEVE THERE
ARE CHINESE NATIONALIST SOCIETIES IN PNG WHICH WOULD
WELCOME FORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN AN INDEPENDENT PNG

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AND ROC, THOUGH ATTITUDE OF PNG GOVERNMENT ITSELF IS

UNKNOWN ON THIS SUBJECT. EMBOFF VISITED RABAU, PNG, IN SEPTEMBER, 1973, AND NOTED SIGNS INVITING GENERAL PUBLIC TO "DOUBLETEN" DINNER DANCE SPONSORED BY LOCAL KMT ORGANIZATION. BELIEVE VISIT TO PNG BY TAIWAN BUSINESSMAN WOULD EXPLORE POTENTIAL MARKETS (AS WELL AS ISSUE OF RELATIONS WITH ROC) WOULD BE BEST WAY OF HANDLING MATTER. SUCH A TAIWAN BUSINESSMAN MIGHT WANT TO CONTACT JULIUS CHAN, PNG MINISTER OF FINANCE, WHO IS OF MIXED CHINESE AND LOCAL ANCESTRY, FOR ADVICE ON HOW BEST TO PROCEED. CHAN IS WELL AND FAVORABLY ORIENTED TO U.S. , BUT WE DO NOT RPT NOT KNOW HIS ORIENTATION, IF ANY, ON CHINA REPRESENTATION ISSUE.

IN VIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN U.S. RELATIONSHIPS WITH PRC OVER PAST YEARS, ASSUME DEPARTMENT WISHES NO RPT NO U.S. INVOLVEMENTS IN ROC EXPLORATION OF RELATIONS WITH PNG.
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